**Power sub-stations in Manipur**

2488. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of power sub-stations sanctioned for Hill District of Manipur and Manipur during 2002-03;

(b) by when these power sub-stations will start functioning;

(c) whether the Central Government has discussed with the State Government about the mode of establishment of these sub-stations; and

(d) if so, the decision or understanding arrived at?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (d) According to Government of Manipur, six numbers of power sub-stations were sanctioned for Hill Districts of Manipur during 2002-03 financial year. Implementation of these sub-stations will start from 2003-04. These projects are being funded by Department of Development of North Eastern Region and these sub-stations are being taken up on turn key basis.

**Assistance for Modernisation of Power Plants**

†2489. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States for which Government are considering to provide assistance for the modernization of power plants; and

(b) if so, the details of said assistance and by when it is likely to be provided and which are the States which will be covered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Renovation and Modernization (R&M)/Life Extention (LE) of the existing power stations has been recognized as one of the most cost effective options to achieve additional generation by virtue of short gestation period and low cost. Though increase in capacity due to LE/R&M programme is marginal, the improvement in generation is considerable due to increase in plant load factor.

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